



State Senator
**William H.
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Dear Constituent,

The 2006 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly has opened with bright prospects. Working with Governor Rell and members of the General Assembly on both sides of the aisle, my goal is to move forward on an agenda addressing important issues:

Taxes – I have introduced legislation to repeal the ill advised estate tax which was enacted last year. Governor Rell has proposed similar legislation. We also need to eliminate the surcharge on the corporate tax in order to stimulate the private sector economy and reduce energy taxes to partially offset increases in energy rates.

Energy Department – I have proposed legislation to create an Energy Department, as has Governor Rell. The state is beset with a wide range of energy challenges, including rapidly rising electric utility rates, a proposed 900 foot liquid natural gas tanker in Long Island Sound and an inadequate supply of electricity for our area. Rather than simply reacting to these challenges the state needs to be proactive by formulating a comprehensive strategy for our energy future.

Rail Transportation – Building on last year's pathbreaking \$1.3 billion program for replacement of Metro North rail cars I strongly support the new proposal for a commuter rail link from New Haven to Hartford to Bradley Airport and on northwards to Springfield, Massachusetts. This is an important step in further providing commuters with a rail option.

I welcome hearing from you with your thoughts and comments on these or any other issues of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

William H. Nickerson